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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION KINSHASA FROM LUBUMBASHI MAY 29
REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE
CONFIDENTIAL LUBUMBASHI 0595

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CG
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH COL GRAS MAY 29

1. CONSULATE OFFICE ACCOMPANIED ARMATT WHEN HE CALLED ON FRENCH COMMANDER COLONEL GRAS. GRAS SAID THAT BULK OF HIS FORCES BEING DEPLOYED TO LUBUMBASHI AND HE IS LEAVING ONLY A REINFORCED COMPANY (APPROX 250 MEN) IN KOLWEZI. GRAS WAS UNCLEAR, BUT IMPLICATION WAS THAT FRENCH WOULD AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE DESIRE ANOTHER AMERICAN AIRLIFT. THIS TIME TO WITHDRAW FRENCH FORCES AND MATERIAL.

2. GRAS SAID THAT FIGURES FROM RED CROSS IN KOLWEZI AS OF 100Z MAY 27 SHOWED 131 CONFIRMED EUROPEAN DEATHS (6 OF WHICH ARE WOMEN AND TWO CHILDREN) 382 DEAD AFRICAN SOLDIERS (INSURGENT AND/OR FAZ) AND 151 DEAD AFRICAN CIVILIANS. FRENCH CASUALTIES ARE 4 KIA AND 8 WOUNDED. FIGURES ARE NOT FINAL AS BODIES STILL BEING DISCOVERED.

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COMMENT: RED CROSS PROVIDED CONSULATE DIFFERENT AND LOWER NUMBERS MAY 28 BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. END COMMENT

3. GRAS SAID IT WAS HIS INFORMATION THAT MUTSHATSHA HAD BEEN ABANDONED AND THAT KASAJI WAS UNDER ATTACK GROSS CONFIRMED THAT FAZ 14 BRIGADE IN KOLWEZI AND

MUTSHATSHA WAS COMPLETELY DISORGANIZED.

4. BELGIAN PARAS ARE MOVING INTO TOWNS IN SHABA
WHERE SMALL DETACHMENTS FROM FRENCH LEGION ARE MOVING OUT
BELGIANS WILL BE STATIONED AT LIKASI, LUBUMBASHI, KIPUSHI
AND FUNGARUME. GRAS DID NOT MENTION KAMBOVE
BUT THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN UNINTENTIONAL OMISSION.
FRENCH TROOPS STILL CONTROL LUALABA BRIDGE.
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